

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is the second Office action on the merits of Application No. 10/566,890, filed 16 March 2006. Claims 2-12 and 14 are pending.

### **Documents**

2. The following documents have been received and filed as part of the patent application:
  - Information Disclosure Statement, received on 02/01/06
  - A Copy of the Foreign Priority Document, received on 02/01/06
  - Declaration and Power of Attorney, received on 03/16/06
  - Information Disclosure Statement, received on 02/09/07
  - English Translation of Foreign Priority Document, received on 03/10/08

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Edward Callaghan, on 11 April 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14:

- Line 32 "said further shift sleeve" has been amended as --said first shift sleeve and said second shift sleeve--.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 2-12 and 14 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 14:

The prior art of record fails to show or render obvious a twin clutch transmission comprising a transmission input shaft, a transmission output shaft, two countershafts, a direct gear, a plurality of forward gears, and first through fourth shift sleeves, as recited in claim 14; specifically, wherein the first shift sleeve is assigned to two forward gears and arranged coaxially on the transmission output shaft, the second shift sleeve is assigned to the direct gear and a further forward gear and is axially offset with respect to the first shift sleeve, the third and fourth shift sleeves are arranged in a shift sleeve plane and are axially offset with respect to the first and second shift sleeves, and each of the third and fourth shift sleeves is assigned to one of the two countershafts.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David D. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7092. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (0700-1530).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A. Marmor can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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